

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-99. (Cancelled).

100. (Previously Presented) A five layer stitchless seam comprising a first thermoplastic tape portion, a first substrate portion in contact with said first thermoplastic tape portion, a second thermoplastic tape portion in contact with said first substrate portion, a second substrate portion in contact with said second thermoplastic tape portion, and a third thermoplastic tape portion in contact with said second substrate portion to provide a flexible stitchless seam between the five layers, wherein at least one of said first thermoplastic tape portion, said second thermoplastic tape portion, and said third thermoplastic tape portion is a multi-layer tape portion that runs the length of the seam and includes a first continuous layer having a first melting point and a second continuous layer having a second melting point.

101. (Previously Presented) The seam of claim 100, wherein at least two of the tape portions are contiguous.

102. (Cancelled).

103. (Previously Presented) The seam of claim 100, wherein at least two of said tape portions and said substrate portions are the same materials.

104. (Previously Presented) The seam of claim 100, wherein the first substrate portion and the second substrate portion are different materials.

105. (Previously Presented) The seam of claim 100, wherein at least one of the substrate portions comprises a barrier layer.

106. (Previously Presented) The seam of claim 105, wherein at least one of the substrate portions comprises a fabric.

107. (Previously Presented) The seam of claim 105, wherein both the first substrate portion and the second substrate portion comprise a fabric.

108. (Previously Presented) The seam of claim 100, wherein at least four areas of the first and second substrate portions are bonded in a cross-sectional area of the seam and wherein the seam has a strength greater than a double felled needle sewn seam made with the same substrates.

109. (Previously Presented) The seam of claim 100, wherein at least four areas of the first and second substrate portions are bonded in a cross-sectional area of the seam and wherein the tensile grab strength is at least about 85kg.

110. (Previously Presented) The seam of claim 100, wherein the tensile grab strength is at least about 114 kg.

111. (Previously Presented) The seam of claim 100, wherein the tensile grab strength is at least about 135 kg.

112. (Previously Presented) The seam of claim 100, wherein the tensile grab strength is at least about 150 kg.

113. (Previously Presented) The seam of claim 100, wherein the seam is a welded seam.

114-122. (Cancelled).

123. (Currently Amended) A multilayer stitchless seam comprising a first tape portion, a first substrate portion in contact with said first tape portion, a second tape portion in contact with said first substrate portion, a second substrate portion in contact with said second tape portion, [[and]] a third tape portion in contact with said second substrate portion to provide a flexible seam between the layers, and a third substrate portion, wherein at least one of the first substrate and the second substrate is a composite substrate comprising at least two layers.

124. (Cancelled).

125. (Cancelled).